

Clinical practice guidelines for acute otitis media in children: A systematic review and appraisal of European national guidelines:

Supplementary File 4: National guidelines' Strength of recommendation (SoR) converted to OCEBM SoR

| Oxford Centre for EBM Strength of Recommendations | | Belgium | Denmark | France | Finland | Italy | Norway | Poland and Spain | Portugal | SIGN | AAP | WHO |
|---|--|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|------------------|----------|------|---|-------------------|
| A | Consistent level 1 studies | - | A | A | A | A/ E | A | A/E | A | A | Strong recommendation/ Option | Strong |
| B | Consistent level 2 or 3 studies <i>or</i> extrapolations from level 1 studies | - | B | B | A/B | - | B | - | B | B | Strong recommendation/ Recommendation/ Option | Conditional /Weak |
| C | Level 4 studies <i>or</i> extrapolations from level 2 or 3 studies | - | C | C | C | - | C | - | C | C | Recommendation/Option | Conditional /Weak |
| D | Level 5 evidence <i>or</i> troublingly inconsistent or inconclusive studies of any level | - | D/ √ | C | D | - | D | - | D | D | Option/ No recommendation | No Recommendation |
| X | <i>SOR that does not match Oxford CEBM</i> | 1/2 | DS | - | | B/ C/ D | | B/ C/ D | - | - | | |